

Council Corner
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This is the first of what will hopefully be many columns giving the members of our congregation insight into the work of our church council. This will not represent an item by item discussion of all subjects listed on our agenda for the given meeting. For that, any church member can look on our website or on the bulletin board in the Narthex for copies of the meeting minutes for a given month. Instead, council members wish to highlight important topics of discussion that will give those reading this column an idea of the direction our church is heading.

The agenda for our first meeting of 2015 definitely did not lack for topics. We started by welcoming our new youth representative, Sky Dow, to our membership. This represents an effort by our council to get the young voices in our congregation heard. Our members look forward to hearing from Sky's perspective on a variety of issues during the coming year. Welcome to our council.

The biggest item on our agenda centered around a meeting that has been scheduled with Anne Gierrets on February 18 at 6:00 in the orange room. Anne presently serves as a building consultant for Lutheran churches throughout Minnesota. She works with small and large churches alike to help renovate existing structures or construct brand new buildings in order to meet the needs of various congregations. Unfortunately, this particular date falls on Ash Wednesday. Subsequently, a postponement and rescheduling of the meeting for the very near future will be necessary. Stay tuned....

Why meet with Anne Gierrets? The council feels that Hope Lutheran has entered a key phase in its existence. We need to make our church more user-friendly to our existing members and do whatever we can to attract new members. The council hopes to make our church a one-level facility using the basement only when necessary for various functions. Granted, this will cost money. However, we hope that Anne can provide us with some cost-effective ideas to make this happen. Growth never occurs without some element of risk.

Our council welcomes the input of the congregation we serve. Please do not hesitate to contact any of our members to let us know what you think regarding any issue that is on your mind. We walk the path on God's journey united. Together, we can accomplish anything.